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(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Patent Application of:
Christoph Seidel et al.

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING EARLY
HCV SEROCONVERSION

Examiner: A. Boesen

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTIONMS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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